Proposals of ONGC and O.I.L. for Exploration of new Oil Wells in Gujarat

2378. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the O.N.G.C. and O.I.L. have any new proposals for exploration and digging of new oil wells in Gujrat State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount earmarked for exploration and digging of oil wells in the State during the remaining period of Eighth Plan; and

(d) the amount spent on exploration and digging all wells in the State during the year 1993-94 and 1994-95 and location of those sites?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) An Accelerated Programme of Exploration (APEX) has been prepared for the year 1994—97 to increase the pace of exploration for the country including the State of Gujarat. This programme envisaged acquiring of 21775 3LK and 1775 GLK of 2D and 960 SSK of 3D seismic data and drilling of 308 wells in Gujrat.

(c) An amount of Rs. 1866.19 crores has been earmarked for the exploration (Surveys and Exploratory drilling) and development drilling in Gujrat during the remaining period of VIII Five Year Plan (1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97).

(d) During the year 1993-94 seismic surveys were conducted for exploration in areas around Mehsana, Bharuch-Jambusar, Ankleshwar, Kosamba, North of Unawa, East of Patan, Surat-Olpad, Hansot-Kosamba, Borsad-Ankleshwar and Pansar-Paliyad area in Gujarat State.

In the year 1994-95 seismic surveys are being conducted in Harij-Khambell Bechraji, South of Padra, Linch-Nandsan, Lanwa-North Balol, Modhera, Gandhinagar, Gamij, Pansar-Paliyad and Gandhar-Goladra area in Guarat State.

During the year 1993-94, 74 exploratory and 140 development wells were drilled in Gujrat State at Limbodra, Motera, Nawagam, Sanand, Nendej Wasna, Kalol, South Kadi, Paliyad, Halisa, Gandhar, Dabka, Kosamba, Ankleshwar, Pankhajan, Sukla Tith-Palej, Jambusar Gajra, Tankari, Mitrampura, Vaso, Akholjuni, Kathana Bechraji, Khambel, North Balol, Jotana, Dhinoj, Sobhasan, Langhnaj, Nandasan and Lanwa areas of Gujarat State.

In the year 1994-95 it is planned to drill 85 exploratory and 131 development wells at Lodhika (Saurashtra), Mewad, Viraj, Nada and also at various places mentioned above in Gujarat State.

The actual amount spent in 1993-94 on exploration and digging of oil wells in Gujrat was Rs. 504.95 crores and Rs. 579.22 crores has been budgeted for 1994-95.

Allocation of Kerosene to Andhra Pradesh

2379. SHRI K. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether allocation of kerosene under P.D.S. is made under some criteria;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to allocate more kerosene under P.D.S. Andhara Pradesh during 1995-96; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor with measures to be taken to meet the increasing demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (d) The Central Government makes bulk allocation of kerosene to the States/UTs on a historical basis. Kerosene is a deficit product and more than 40% of the requirements of the country are met by imports. Owing to constraints in the availability of the product and heavy subsidy involved, it has not been possible to meet the demands of the States in full. During 1991-92 and 1992-93, the Government was forced to maintain zero growth in the allocation to the State. However, on demands from States, a 3% increase has been made at country-level in the allocation to the States/UTs for 1993-94 and 1994-95 over the previosus year in such a manner that States having less per capita availability have been allotted more quantity and vice versa. The allocation of Kerosene to Andhra Pradesh during 1993-94 and 1994-95 is as under :—

Year	Allocation in MTs.
1993-94	594223
1994-95	603132

The State-wise allocation of Kerosene for the year 1995-96 has not been finalised.

Expansion Plans of Bharat Petroleum Corporation

2380. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK : Will the Minister of PETROLIUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bharat Petroleum Corporation has drawn up plan for the expansion of its activities on all fronts;